

REMARKS

In the Final Office Action dated July 19, 2006, the Examiner indicated that claims 1-11 are pending in the application and the Examiner rejected all pending claims. By this amendment, applicant has modified claims 1, 6 and 11 to redefine the claimed visual indicators. The Examiner (based upon the BPAI's decision) states that Huttunen in view of Mallien discloses an indicator (specifically indicator 120 of Mallien) that indicates to a user of a terminal when a radio is transmitting. Specifically, the BPAI's decision states that the indicator is illuminated when a channel is available and stays illuminated throughout a conversation, which is broadly interpreted as indicating that a device is transmitting (or receiving). However, Huttunen in view of Millien lacks any teaching or suggestion of stopping the visual indication when a device switches from either transmitting to receiving (claim 1 of the present invention) or from receiving to transmitting (claim 6 of the present invention). Rather, as is confirmed by the BPAI's decision (specifically page 11, lines 12-20), the indicator taught by Mallien is illuminated during an entire conversation, never indicating a transition between transmitting and receiving as is specifically claimed in the present invention.

Conclusion

The present invention is not taught or suggested by the prior art. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of the claims. An early Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

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